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THIRD VICTIM DIES FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED IN I-75 CRASH

~Investigation continues as FHP prepares to say goodbye to fallen Trooper ~

OCALA, FLA. – The third pedestrian involved in the May 3, 2014 crash on I-75 has expired. Mr. George Robert Phillips, 52, of Ocala, Florida succumbed to his injuries late last night at Ocala Regional Medical Center. Investigators are beginning to sort through the physical evidence and witness statements relating to this crash. Additional information on the crash and those involved will be disseminated in the upcoming week. Charges are pending the completion of the traffic homicide investigation which could take several months.

Funeral arrangements for Trooper Chelsea Richard are being formed and will be available later this week. Trooper Richard is the 45th Florida Highway Patrol Trooper to be killed in the line of duty. She is also the second female to die while on duty for FHP. The first was Trooper Kimberly Hurd who was struck and killed in July 1992 on I-95 in Broward County. Trooper Richard graduated from the 111th Basic Recruit Class along with Trooper Patrick Ambrose who was killed in the line of duty on May 15, 2010 on the Florida Turnpike in South Florida.

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